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Dear Commission Members:

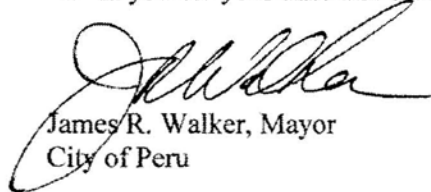
I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed "Net Neutrality" regulation you are considering.

I have a concern that this regulation would be a continuation of the erosion of the entrepreneurial spirit in technology investment. If a company makes a large investment in new technology (broadband for example), then they should be able to get a return on that investment. If they are forced to allow free access to their network then how do they secure funding to maintain and upgrade that network? What is the incentive to develop new opportunities if it, in the end, is revenue neutral or worse?

I believe "Net Neutrality" would hinder further development of broadband capabilities, thus hindering the network access to all Americans. We must encourage companies that have the ability to take broadband to a new level. The only way that will happen is to reduce the restrictions and increase the flexibility they are allowed. We should reward them, not restrict them.

If there are companies that want to compete with already existing businesses that is fine. That is called free enterprise. But, they should also be willing to make the same investment in infrastructure as did the company they want to compete with. That is true competition.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.



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